

# RESOURCE CONSIDERATIONS

*State and Federal requirements are in place to minimize impacts to important area resources.*

## Historic Resources

- **Historic Properties:** There are six properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places along the project corridor, most of which are impressive relics of the area's agricultural prosperity in the mid-19th Century. Federal laws require that all possible measures be taken to avoid impacting these important connections with the past. As such, the widened roadway alignment in places has been shifted away from the properties.



The Governor Biggs Farm is an important historic resource in the project area.

## Archaeological Resources

- **Archaeological Resources:** Federal laws also protect below-ground historic resources. DelDOT is in the middle of archaeological investigations to discover any important archaeological sites located near the road that might be damaged or destroyed by the road project. If such sites are present, efforts will be made to record as much information about them as possible and to use this knowledge to learn more about the people that lived in this area hundreds, or even thousands of years ago.



This arrow point was found in initial digs along Choptank Road.



Archaeologists have found shards of spongewear pottery like this early 19th-Century pitcher (not from the Choptank area).

## Natural Resources

- **Wetlands:** The Army Corp of Engineers requires a minimal impact to wetlands. It is estimated that about 1/2 acre of wetlands will be impacted by the Choptank Road improvements. DelDOT will mitigate this impact by constructing 1/2 acre of new wetlands.
- **Trees:** Delaware policy requires landscaping and reforestation for transportation projects. It is estimated that the Choptank Road improvements will require a total of 1-1.5 acres of new trees to be planted in the corridor. Part of this mitigation will go to replace trees alongside Choptank Road removed by construction.



Trees that need to be removed, such as these near Bethel Church Road, will be replaced.